

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application. By virtue of this response, claims 1-20 have been cancelled, and new claims 21-45 have been added. Accordingly, claims 21-45 are currently under consideration. Amendment and cancellation of certain claims is not to be construed as a dedication to the public of any of the subject matter of the claims as previously presented.

Support for the new claims may be found in the as-filed specification. For example, support for independent claims 21, 35 and 45 may be found in paragraphs (12), (18), (19) and (21), and in figures 2A and 2B. Support for claim 22 may be found in paragraphs (10) and (25). Support for claims 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 36, 37, 38, 40, 41, 42 and 43 may be found in paragraphs (12) and (27). Support for claim 27 may be found in paragraphs (16) and (19). Support for claims 32 and 44 may be found in paragraphs (19) and (26). Support for claim 33 may be found in paragraph (11). Support for claim 34 may be found in paragraph (16). Support for claim 39 may be found in paragraph (21). No new matter is added.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 562492002620. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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